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SUBJECT: LOPEZ PORTILLO VISIT TO SOVIET UNION AND
BULGARIA

1. FONSEC ROEL ASKED ME MARCH 9 WHETHER I THOUGHT THERE
WOULD BE ADVERSE US REACTION TO PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO'S
VISIT TO MOSCOW. I REPLIED THAT I THOUGHT THERE WOULD
CERTAINLY BE NO WIDESPREAD OR INTENSE GENERAL BAD REACTION
TO SUCH A TRIP, SINCE US PUBLIC WAS USED TO SUCH VISITS
BY ITS OWN OFFICIALS AS WELL AS THOSE OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

2. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH PRESS, ROEL GAVE THE DATES OF
LOPEZ PORTILLO'S TRAVELS TO MOSCOW AND SOFIA AS MAY 15-30,
WITH MOSCOW FIRST ON THE ITINERARY. ROEL SAID, ACCORDING
TO EXCELSIOR REPORT, THAT FOOD AND ENERGY WOULD BE
SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION IN MOSCOW, ALONG WITH
EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL CONTACTS, ADDING THAT MEXICO HAD
MANY THINGS TO SELL TO USSR, MANY THINGS TO EXCHANGE, AND
ALSO MANY THINGS TO LEARN. HE ALSO SPOKE IN GENERAL TERMS
OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL CONTACTS.

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3. A LOT OF PEOPLE HERE ARE ASKING, WHY BULGARIA? MOST
LIKELY ANSWER SEEMS TO BE THAT SRA. CARMEN ROMANO DE LOPEZ
PORTILLO WAS WELL RECEIVED WHEN SHE VISITED SOFIA LAST
FALL, AND TALKED THE PRESIDENT INTO INCLUDING IT ON HIS
ITINERARY. BULGARIA HAD A SYMPHONIC CONDUCTOR AND SEVERAL
OPERA SINGERS HERE SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, AND AN EXHIBITION OF
ICONS IS NOW AT THE ANTHROPOLOGICAL MUSEUM UNTIL EARLY

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